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At the Court at *Hampton-Court*, *May* 9. 1700.

PRESENT,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHereas John Harding *of* Canterbury, *with a Party of divers other Persons unknown, in the Night of the* 12*th of* March *last, were carrying Horse-loads of Combed Wooll towards the Sea-side to be Transported, and were met near a Place called* Tunford-Bridge *in the County of* Kent *by one of His Majesty's Riding-Officers of the Customs with his Assistants, who endeavouring to seize the said Wooll and Horses as the Law directs, and the Persons so carrying the Wooll making Resistance, the said* Harding *was Shot and Murdered by one of his own Party. His Majesty having received Information thereof, by a Presentment from the Commissioners of the Customs, this day Read at the Board, and being desirous to Detect the same, and Deterr the like Evil Practices for the future, His Majesty is graciously pleased to Promise a Pardon to any one of the Offenders, who shall Discover and Apprehend any Three or more of the Parties concerned in the said Murder, so as they be brought to due Punishment; And for a further Encouragement, such Offender shall also have and receive as a Reward the Sum of One hundred Pounds; for the Payment whereof, the Rt. Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury are to give the Necessary Directions accordingly. And it is further Ordered, That Notice be given in the Gazette of His Majesty's Pleasure herein.*

John Povey.

Cadiz, *April* 26. The *French* Squadron of Men of War, which have continued some time in these Parts, cruizing against the *Moors* of *Sally*, are sailed home, and 'tis said another Squadron will shortly come hither from *France*. The *Spanish* Men of War designed to carry Supplies of Men and Ammunition to *Carthagena*, are still in this Port, and the time of their departure is uncertain. A *Spanish* Ship of 50 Guns will sail from hence in 8 or 10 days for *Vera Cruz*. The *Winchester* and *Dunwich* are at present in this Port, and several other *English* Men of War are cruizing off this Place.

Rome, *April* 27. The Pope continues his Resolution of going shortly to Port *Anzo*, as well for the Benefit of the Air, as to see the new Works made there by his order. The Cardinal *de Bouillon*, Cardinal *Janssen*, and the Prince of *Monaco* Ambassador from *France*, went this week to *Netuno*. Signior *Aquaviva*, Nuncio from the Pope to the King of *Spain*, began his Journey to *Madrid* on the 25th Instant; and Signior *Pignatelli*, the Pope's Nuncio to *Poland*, set out this day on his Journey to *Warsaw*. Signior *Caraccioli*, Governor of the Mark of *Ancona*, whom the Pope lately made Choice of to be his Nuncio to the Court of *Florence*, will be going thither in few days. The Count *de Martinitz*, Ambassador from the Emperor, left this Place on the 25th Instant, and is returned to *Vienna*, without being able to obtain an Audience of the Pope, who is very much dissatisfied with his Conduct during the time of his Residence at this Court; the Count *de Lamberg*, his Successor, accompanied him several Miles out of Town. Cardinal *Caintelmi*, who of late is looked upon to be the Pope's chief Favourite, is gone from hence to his Arch-Bishoprick of *Naples*.

Milan, *May* 5. The Prince of *Vaudemont*, our Governor, has lately given Orders for paying to the *Suiss* Cantons the Sum of 36000 Livers, part of the Money due to them from the King of *Spain*, on account of the *Suiss* Forces he entertained in his Service during the late War. The Count *Pirro Visconti* has received from his Catholick Majesty, a Grant of the Dignity of a Grandee of *Spain* for himself and his Heirs for ever. The King has also given him the Office of Commissary General of this State, with Power to dispose of it for two Lives. The King has made Count *Carlo Archinto*, Nephew to Cardinal *Archinto* the Arch-Bishop of this Place, a Knight of the *Golden-Fleece*.

Venice, *May* 7. On St. *Mark*'s day, the Doge and the Senate in a Body, with the Foreign Ministers, went with the usual Solemnity to St. *Mark*'s Church, and in the evening there were Masquerading, Illuminations, and other Rejoicings. Signior *Andrea Soranzo* being chosen a Procurator of St. *Mark*, made his Publick Entry last week in the usual manner. There is a Discourse, that the Senate intend to make *Castelnovo* in *Dalmatia* a free Port for all Nations, which 'tis thought will draw a considerable Trade thither. Our last Advices from thence say, the *Venetian* and *Turkish* Commissioners for settling the Limits would renew their Conferences in few days.

Leghorn, *May* 9. The Great Duke of *Tuscany*, who is now with the Court at *Pisa*, intends to go shortly to *Rome*, and his Gallies are ordered to be in a readiness to carry him and his Retinue from hence to *Civita-Vecchia*. The Differences between his Highness and the Republick of *Genoua*, on account of their respective Limits, have been adjusted by the Mediation of the Duke of *Parma*.

Warsaw, *May* 1. The Meeting of the Senate of this Kingdom is appointed for the 10th of this Month, where 'twill be debated, Whether the Republick shall engage in a War against *Sweden*; To which, the Primate and most of the Senators appear not at all inclined. The King seems resolved however, not to quit his Enterprize against *Riga*, and Orders are sent to *Saxony* for the marching of eight Regiments from thence to *Livonia*; Prince *Ferdinand* of *Courland*, Administrator of that Dutchy during the Minority of the Duke his Nephew, has engaged to join the *Saxons* before *Riga* with two Regiments, and is to Command at the Siege in the Quality of Lieutenant-General. 'Tis said, the King intends about the middle of this Month to take a Journey to *Lithuania*. Our Letters from thence say, the Quarrels between the Houses of *Sapieha* and *Oginsky* are increased to that height, that General *Sapieha* was lately at *Wilda* assaulted by a Party of *Oginsky*'s Men, who fired into his Coach, and a Musquet Bullet grazed along the General's Coat, but did him no harm, but two Gentlemen that were with him were wounded; upon which, General *Sapieha* immediately mounted on Horseback, and at the Head of his Guards beat back those who had attacked him. He has sent Deputies to the King to complain of this Violence.

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